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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

INFO AMCONSUL BUKAVU

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SUBJECT: NEW ZAIRE VISA AND ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

REF: BUJUMBURA 0044 (NOTAL)

1. ZAIRE EMBASSY HERE HAS CONFIRMED NEW VISA AND ENTRY REGULATIONS REPORTED REFTEL, OF WHICH IT WAS ADVISED BY DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JANUARY 16. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY SOUGHT GUIDANCE ON EXCEPTIONS AND HAS AGREED TO ENQUIRE AGAIN SPECIFICALLY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EXCEPTION FROM VISA REFERRAL PROCEDURE FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EXCEPTION FROM ENTRY-POINT RESTRICTION FOR DIPLOMATS OR OTHER FOREIGNERS RESIDENT IN CONTIGUOUS COUNTRIES. WE EXPLAINED OUR SPECIAL INTEREST IN MAINTAINING ACCESS TO BUKAVU FOR MEMBERS OF OUR EMBASSY IN BUJUMBURA, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF THIS TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF BUKAVU CONSULATE. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT UNLESS HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY VISA REFERRAL REQUIREMENT COULD BE DISINCENTIVE FOR BUSINESSMEN TO VISIT ZAIRE.

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2. FOR KINSHASA: IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF EXCEPTIONS, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
EMBASSY'S VIEW OF GENESIS OF NEW RESTRICTIONS.

3. FOR LUSAKA, KIGALI AND LUBUMBASHI: WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY,
WILL ENTRY RESTRICTION HAVE ON YOUR OPERATIONS?

4. DEPT IS REPEATING REFTTEL TO BUKAVU, KIGALI, LUBUMBASHI
AND LUSAKA. KISSINGER

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